

## MAV State-of-the-Art & Technology Drivers

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Unmanned, Unattended  
or Unassisted  
Air Vehicles



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## Development Status:

1. **operational**
  - In use in higher quantities
  - commercial or military use
2. **prototype**
  - functional aircraft
  - technology demonstrator
3. **Under development**
  - not fully functional

## Grade of Autonomy:

1. **manually controlled**
  - completely remote-controlled
2. **semi-autonomous**
  - aircraft keeps altitude and track
  - operator commands up-down / left-right
3. **fully autonomous**
  - aircraft follows waypoints
  - no intervention of operator necessary



# Today's MAV

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## Aerosonde

Manufacturer:	Aerosonde Robotic Aircraft (Australia)
Wingspan:	2.9 m
Mass:	14 kg
Payload:	max. 5 kg (fuel tradeoff)
Endurance:	> 50 hrs
Status:	operational (fully autonomous)



# Today's MAV

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## **MLB Bat**

Manufacturer:	MLB (USA)
Wingspan:	152 cm
Mass:	4.5 kg
Payload:	0.5 kg
Endurance:	1 hr
Status:	operational (fully autonomous)



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## **Aladin**

Manufacturer:	EMT (Germany)
Wingspan:	150 cm
Mass:	3 kg
Payload:	300 g
Endurance:	30 min.
Status:	operational (fully autonomous)



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## **Carolo XL**

Manufacturer:	Aerospace Systems, TU Braunschweig (Germany)
Wingspan:	100 cm
Mass:	940 g
Payload:	30 g
Endurance:	30 min.
Status:	prototype (fully autonomous)



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## **Mikado**

Manufacturer:	EMT (Germany)
Wingspan:	?
Mass:	?
Payload:	?
Endurance:	?
Status:	under development



# Today's MAV

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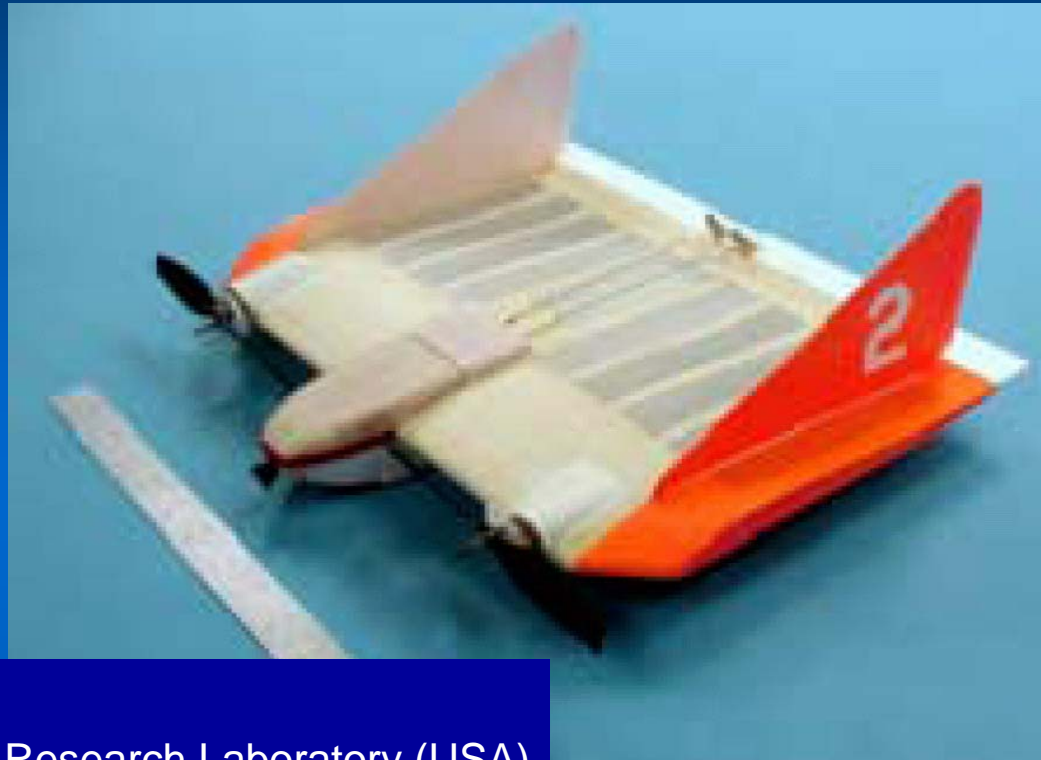
## Carolo

Manufacturer:	Aerospace Systems, TU Braunschweig (Germany)
Wingspan:	40 cm
Mass:	380 g
Payload:	20 g
Endurance:	30 min.
Status:	under development (fully autonomous)



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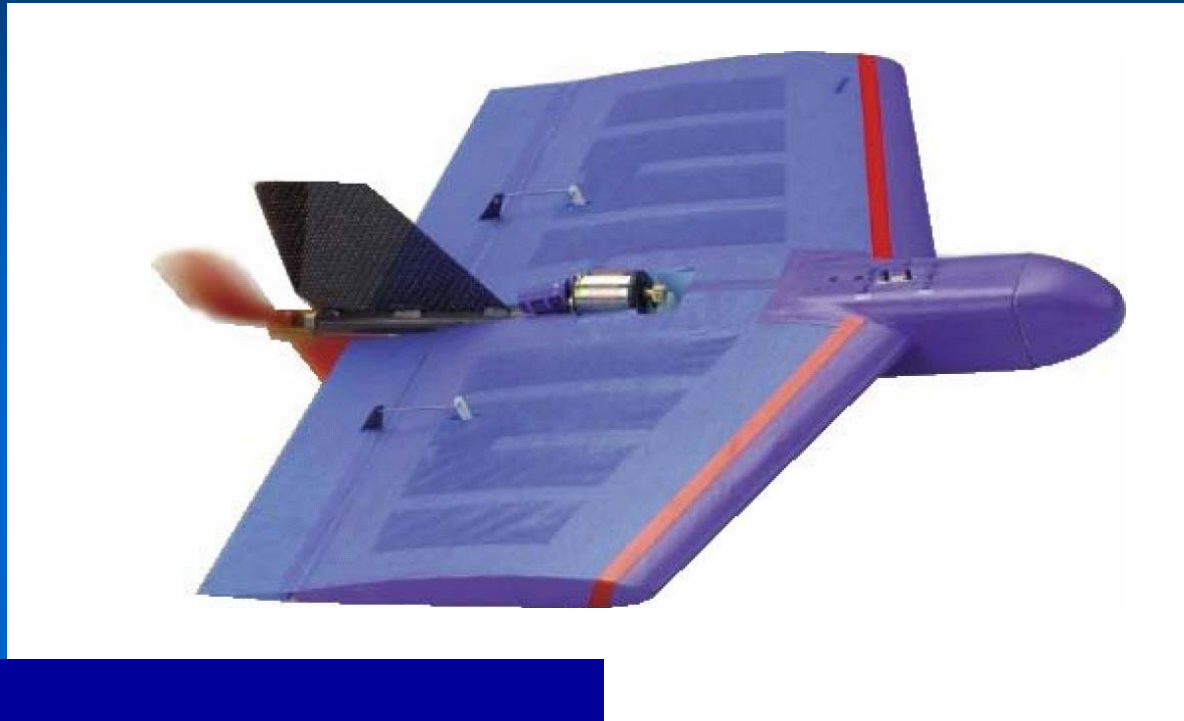
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## **MITE 2**

Manufacturer:	Naval Research Laboratory (USA)
Wingspan:	37 cm
Mass:	130 g to 210 g
Payload:	camera
Endurance:	max. 30 min.
Status:	prototype (manually controlled ?)



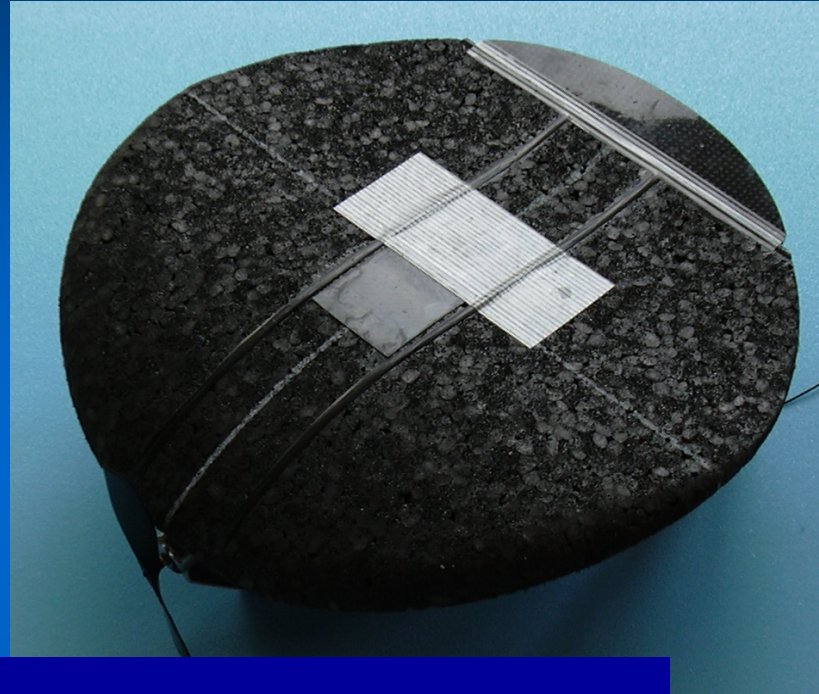


## **Dornier MAV**

Manufacturer:	EADS Dornier (Germany)
Wingspan:	30 cm
Mass:	200 g
Payload:	b/w camera
Endurance:	15 min.
Status:	prototype (semi-autonomous)







## **RWTH Aachen MAV**

Manufacturer:	Chair of Flight Dynamics, RWTH Aachen (Germany)
Wingspan:	20 cm
Mass:	90 g
Payload:	camera
Endurance:	18 min.
Status:	prototype (manually controlled)



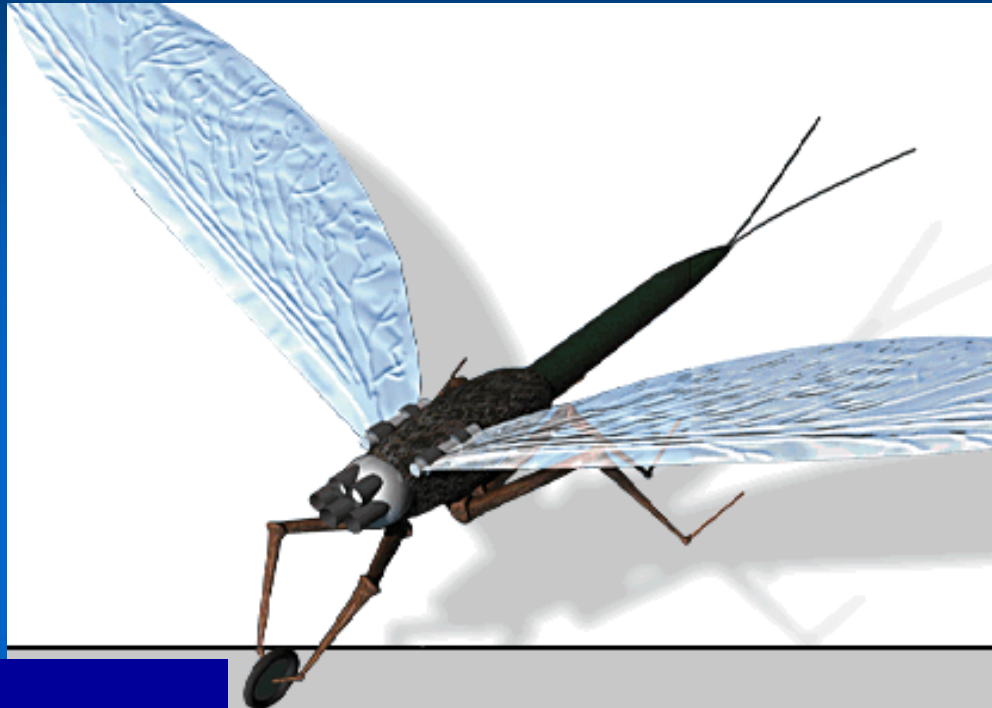


## Black Widow

Manufacturer:	AeroVironment (USA)
Wingspan:	15 cm
Mass:	42 g
Payload:	5 g
Endurance:	30 min.
Status:	prototype (semi-autonomous ?)







## Entomopter

Manufacturer:	GeorgiaTech (USA)
Wingspan:	?
Mass:	?
Payload:	?
Endurance:	?
Status:	under development

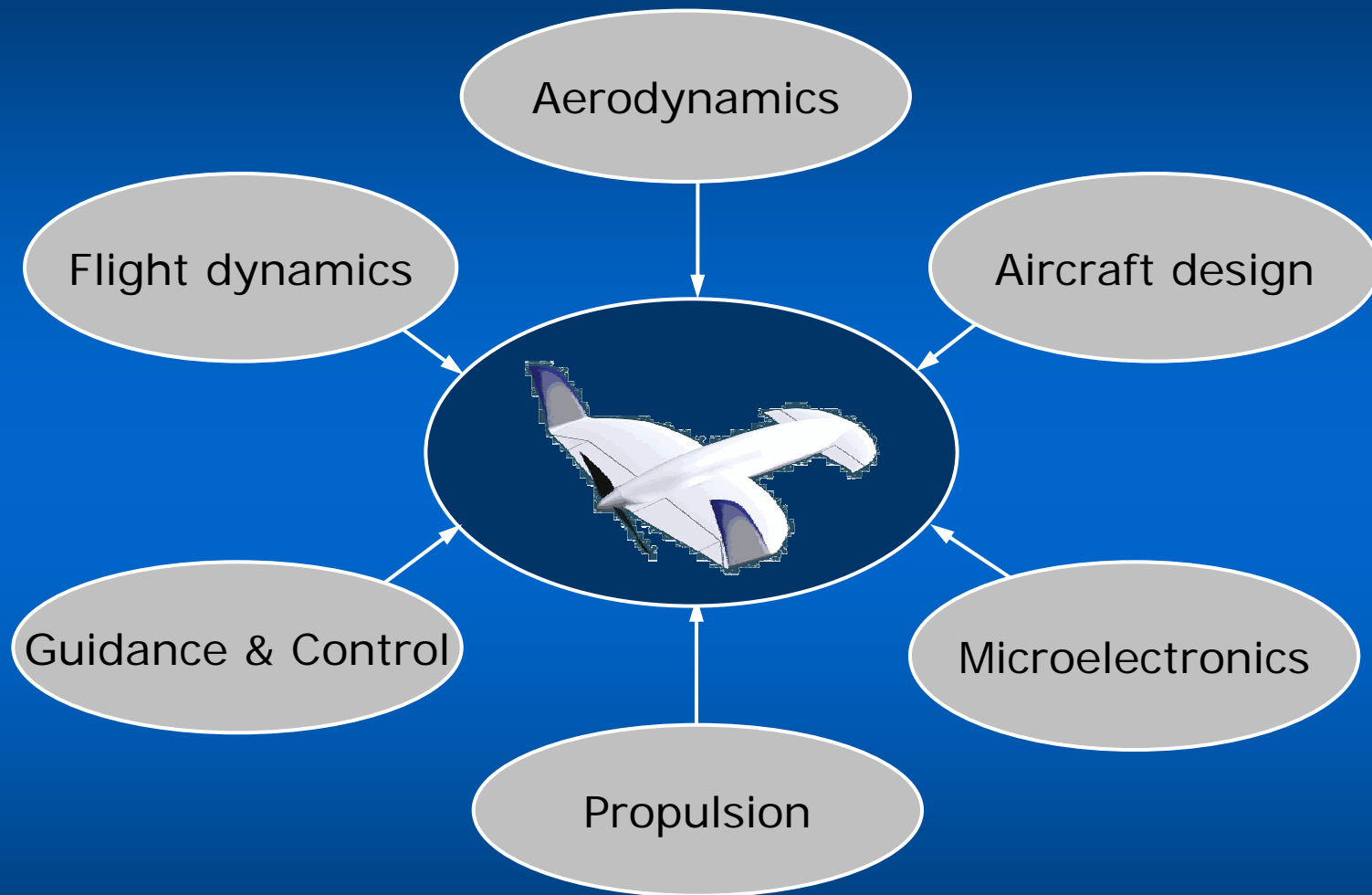


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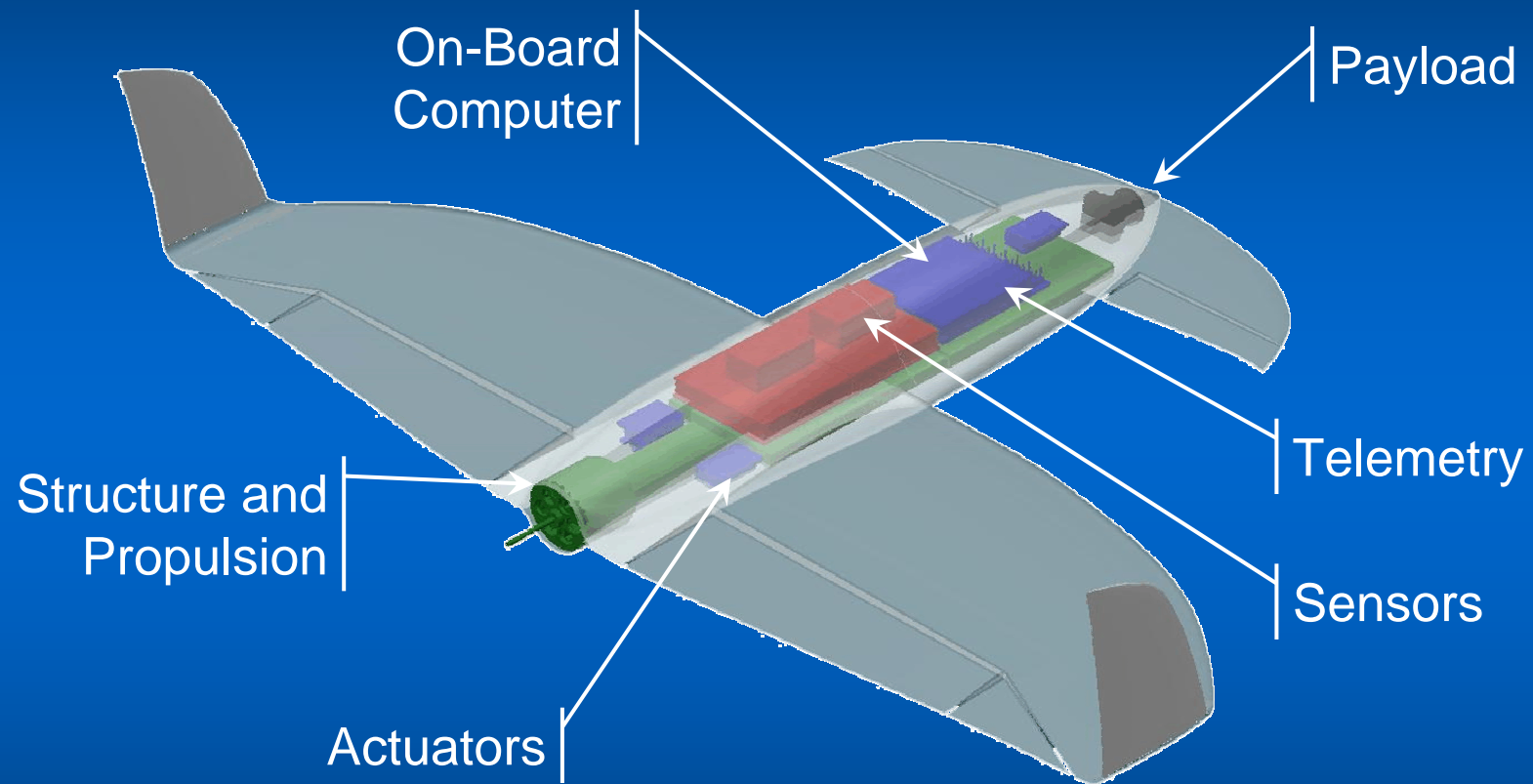
# A Multidisciplinary Research Activity

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# Transparent view of Carolo

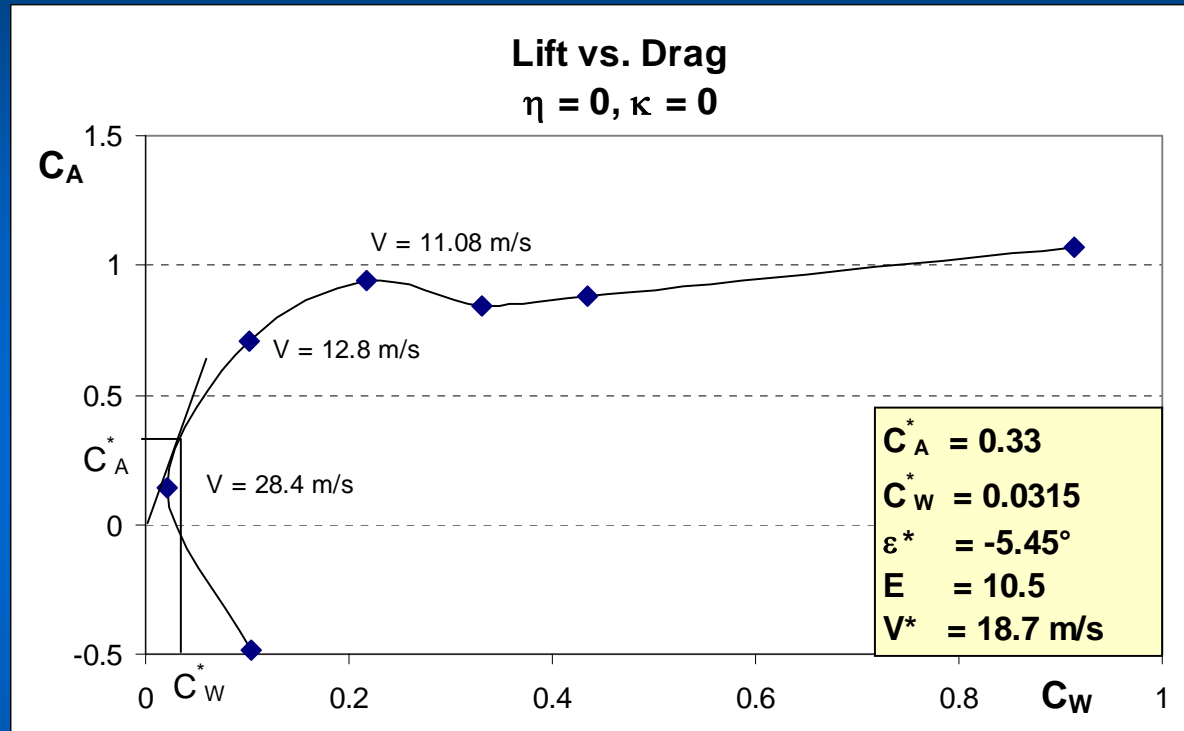
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**CAROLO** during wind tunnel tests at the Institute of Fluid Dynamics,  
Technical University of Braunschweig

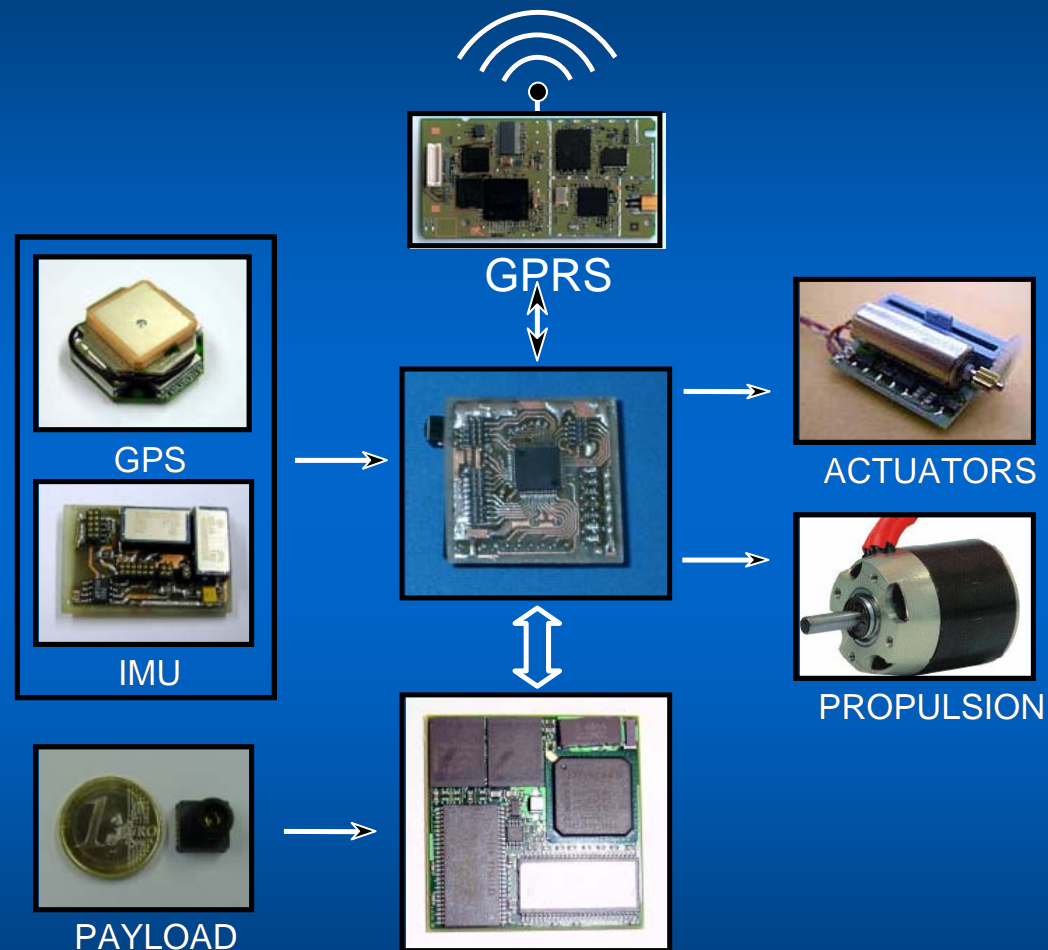


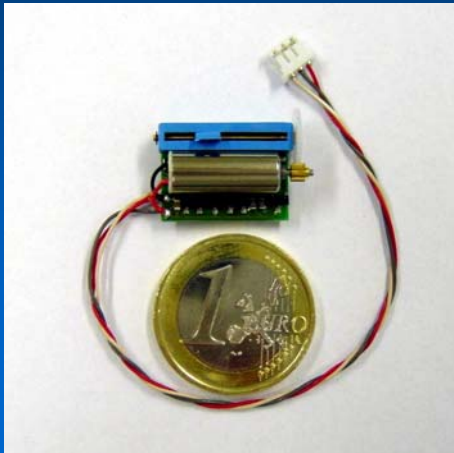


min. glide angle  $-5,45^\circ$   
optimal speed  $18.7$  m/s

uncritical stall behavior  
flow separation at  $\alpha_S = 15^\circ$

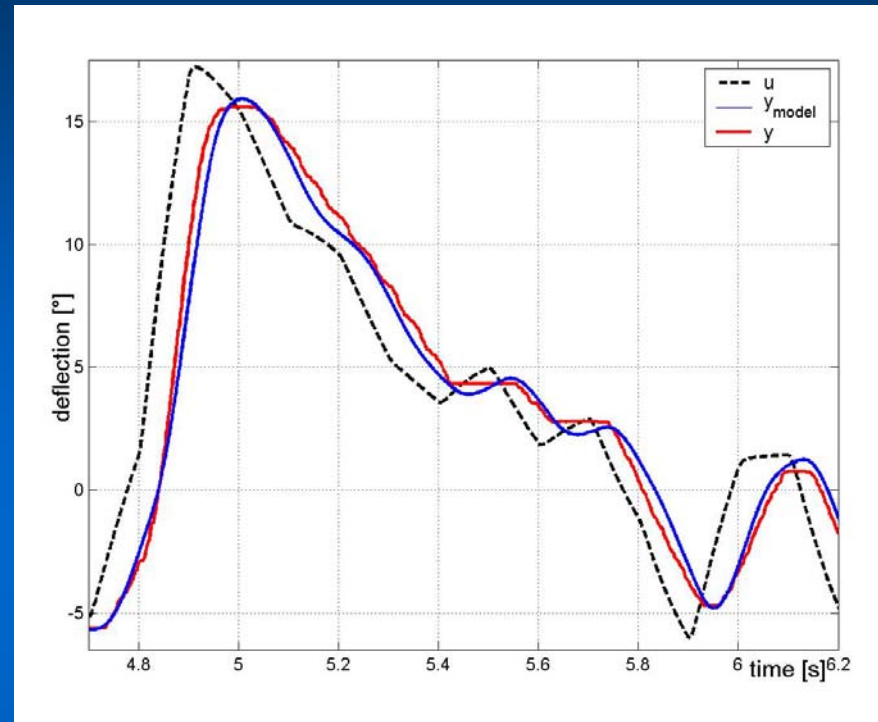






## WES-Technik Light Servo 3.0

mass: 3 gram  
velocity: 95 mm/s  
servo force: 2 N



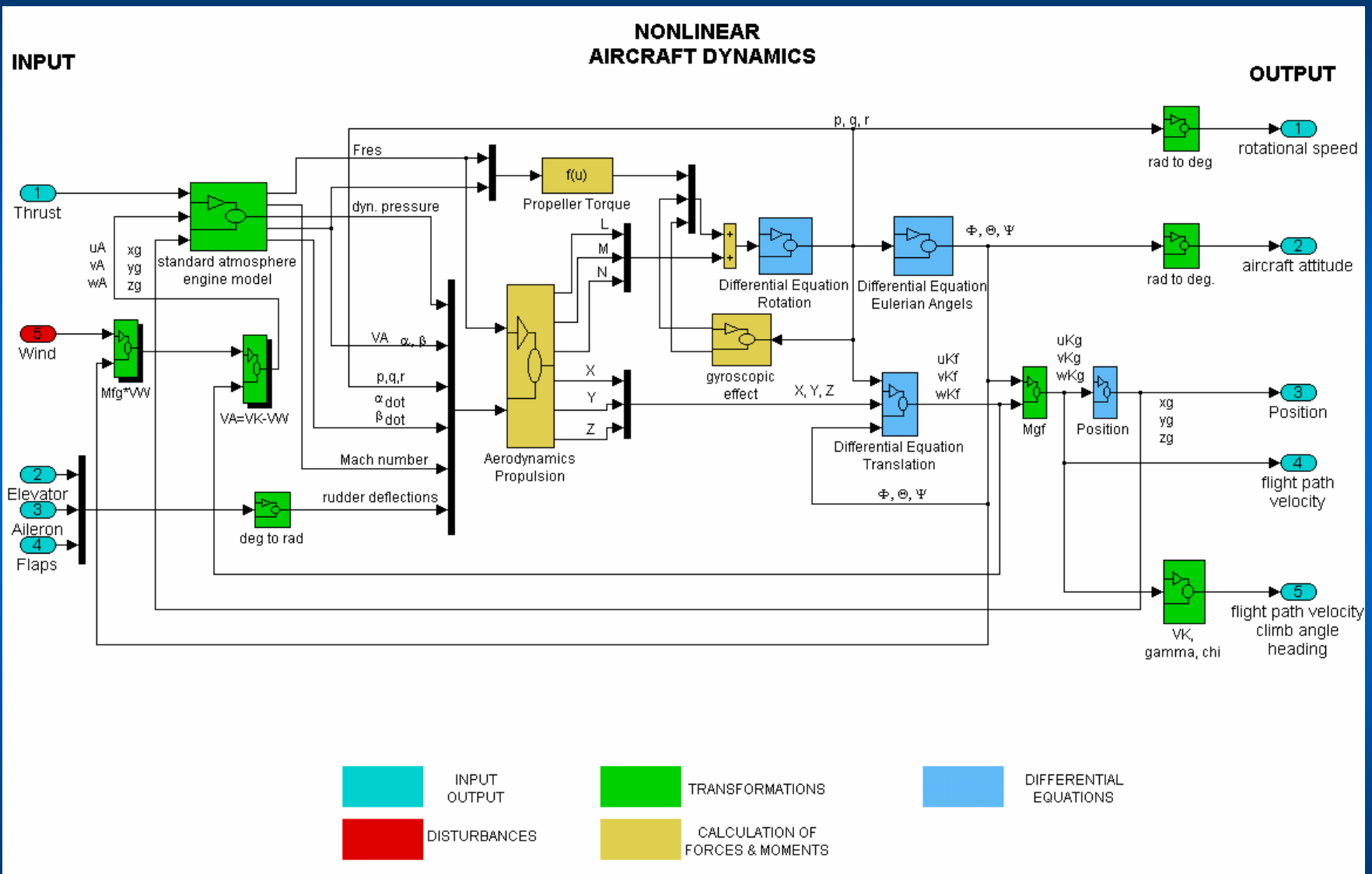
$$y_s(s) = \frac{K}{Ts + 1} \cdot e^{-j\omega T_t} \cdot u(s)$$

$$T = 0.0165 \text{ s}$$

$$T_t = 0.008 \text{ s}$$



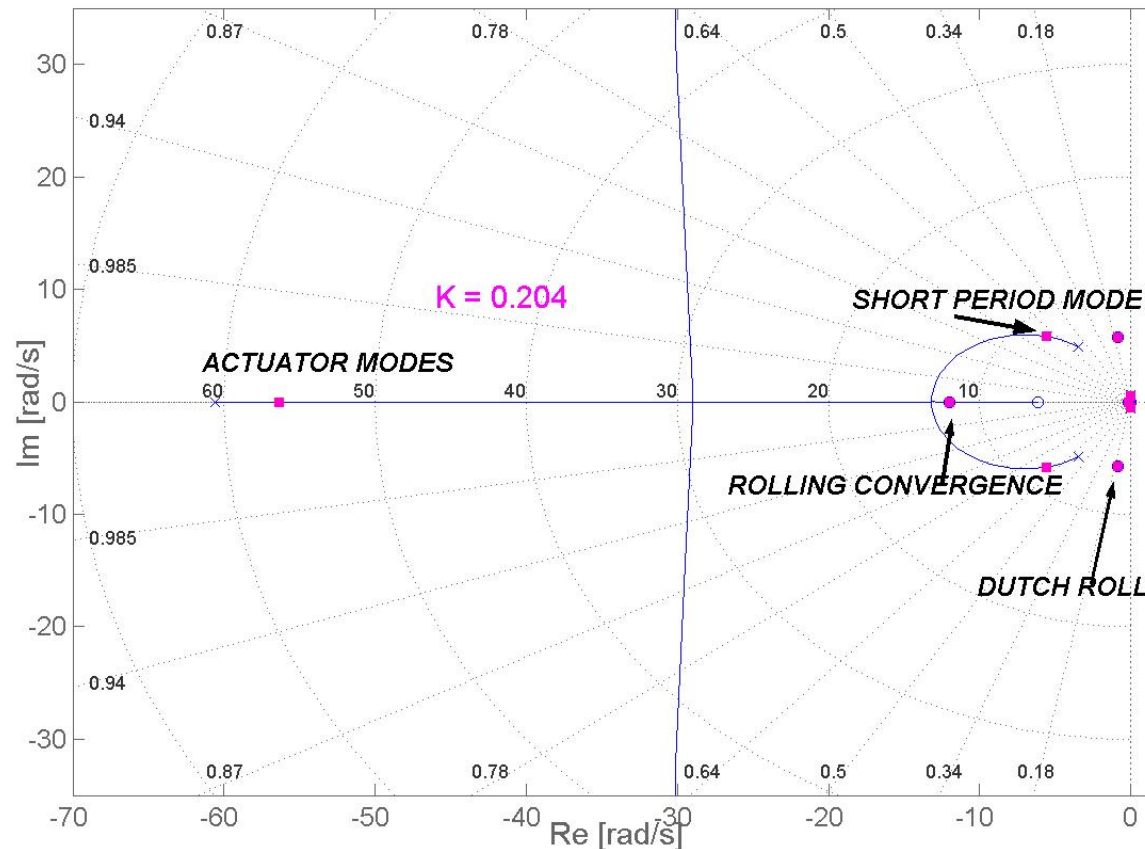




# Results – Stability Analysis

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## Root Locus with Actuator Dynamics

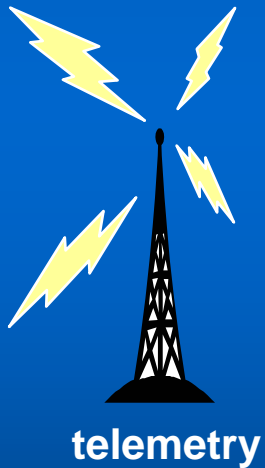
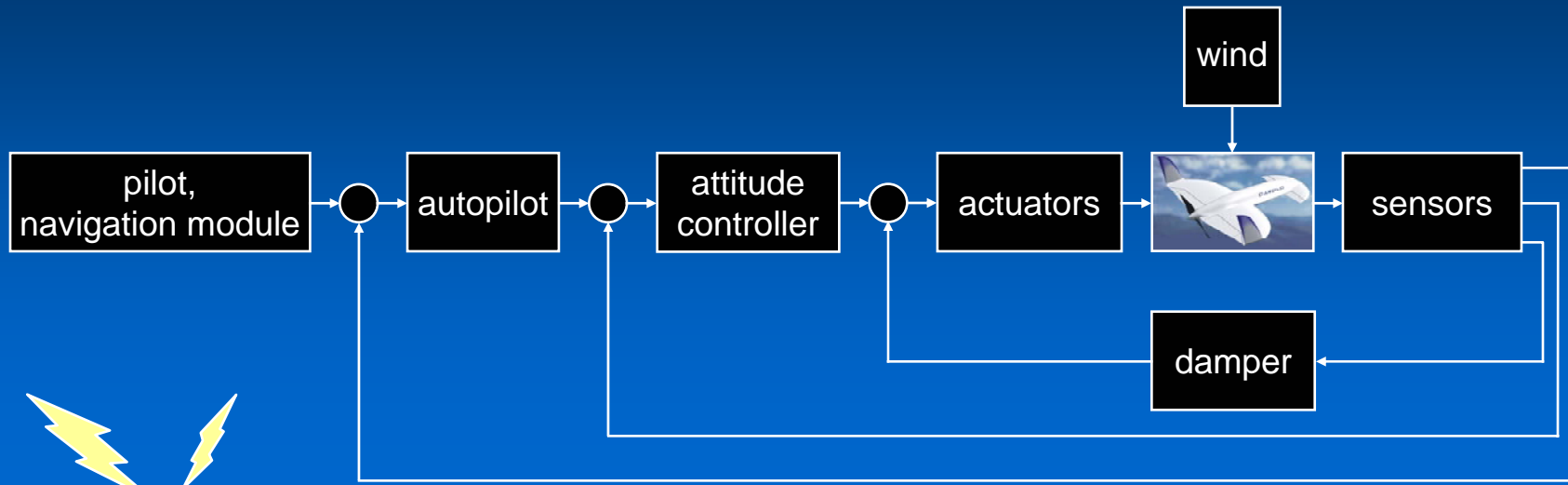


K: Pitch damping  
controller gain

-all open loop modes are  
stable

-with increasing feedback  
gain one real pair of the  
SPM combines with the  
actuator mode to a new  
oscillatory motion



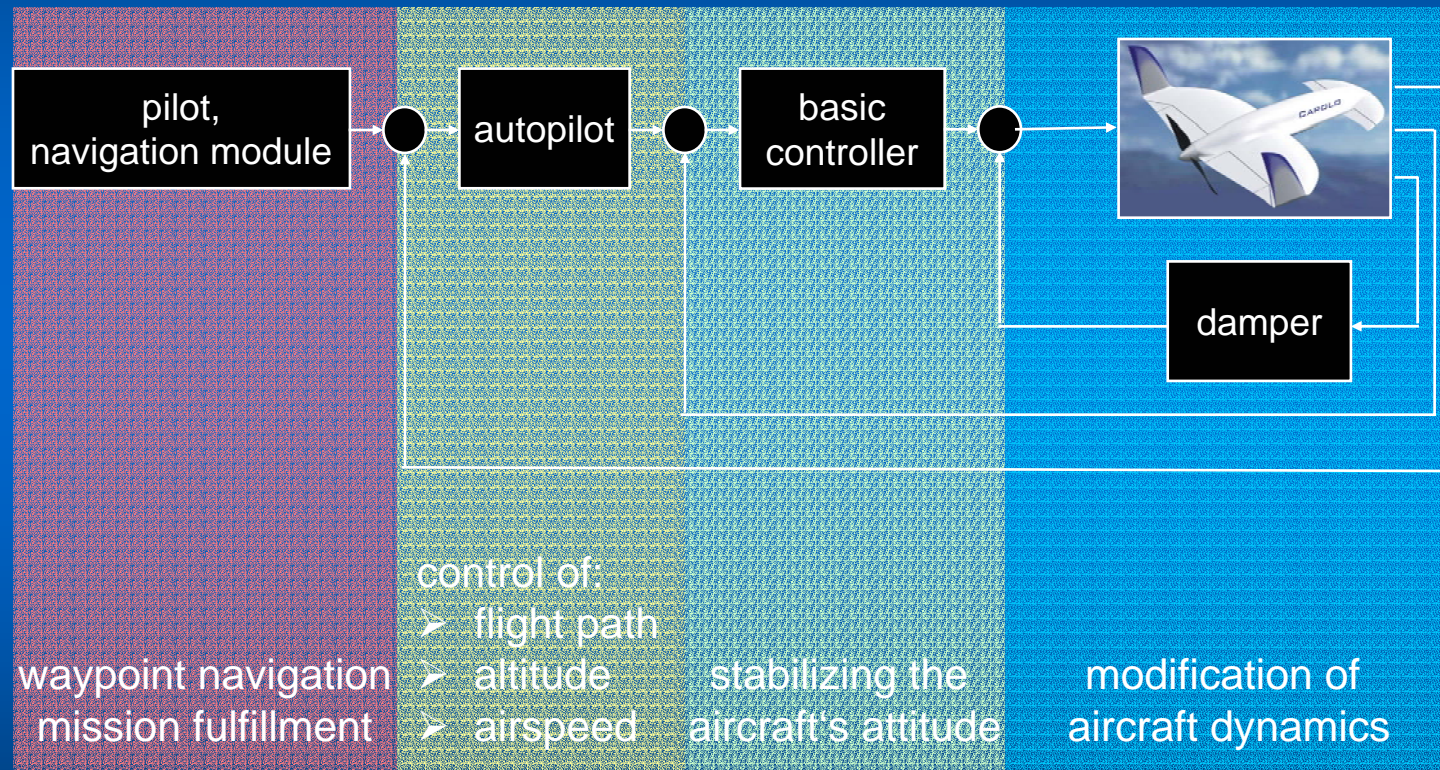


## Development of:

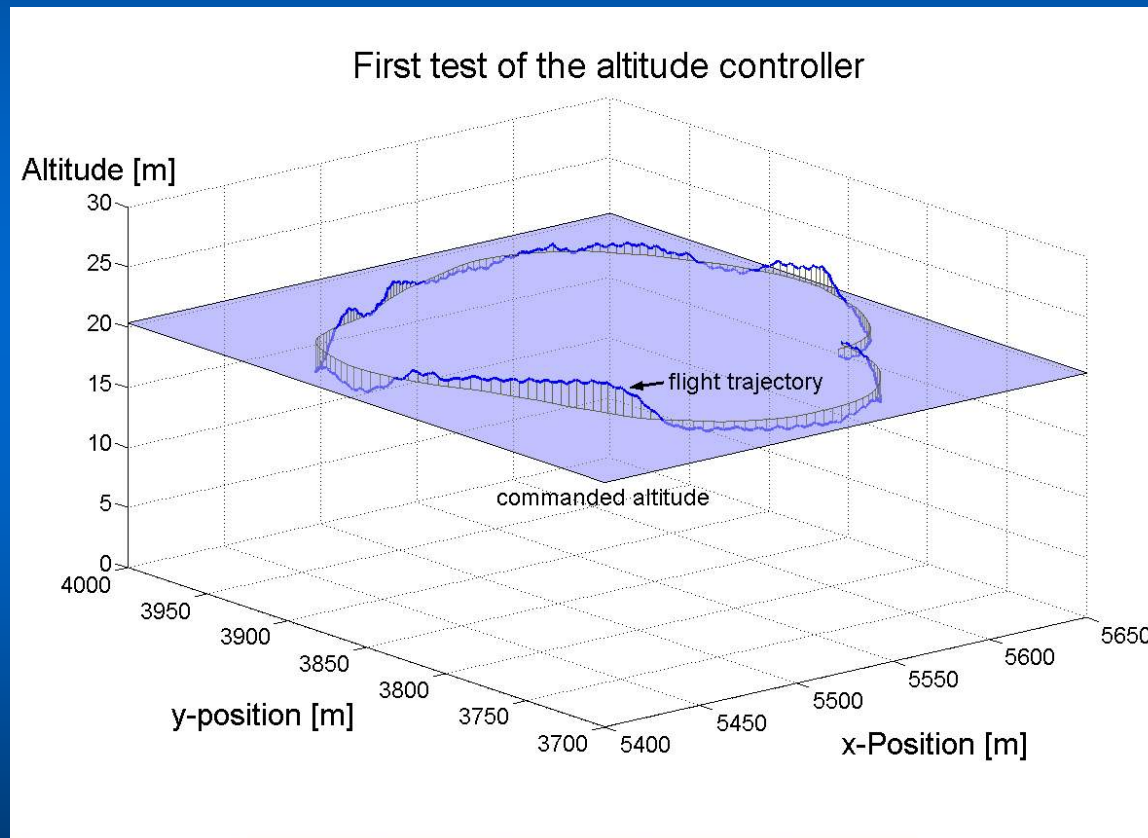
- onboard electronics
- telemetry
- ground control software



## cascaded flight controller concept



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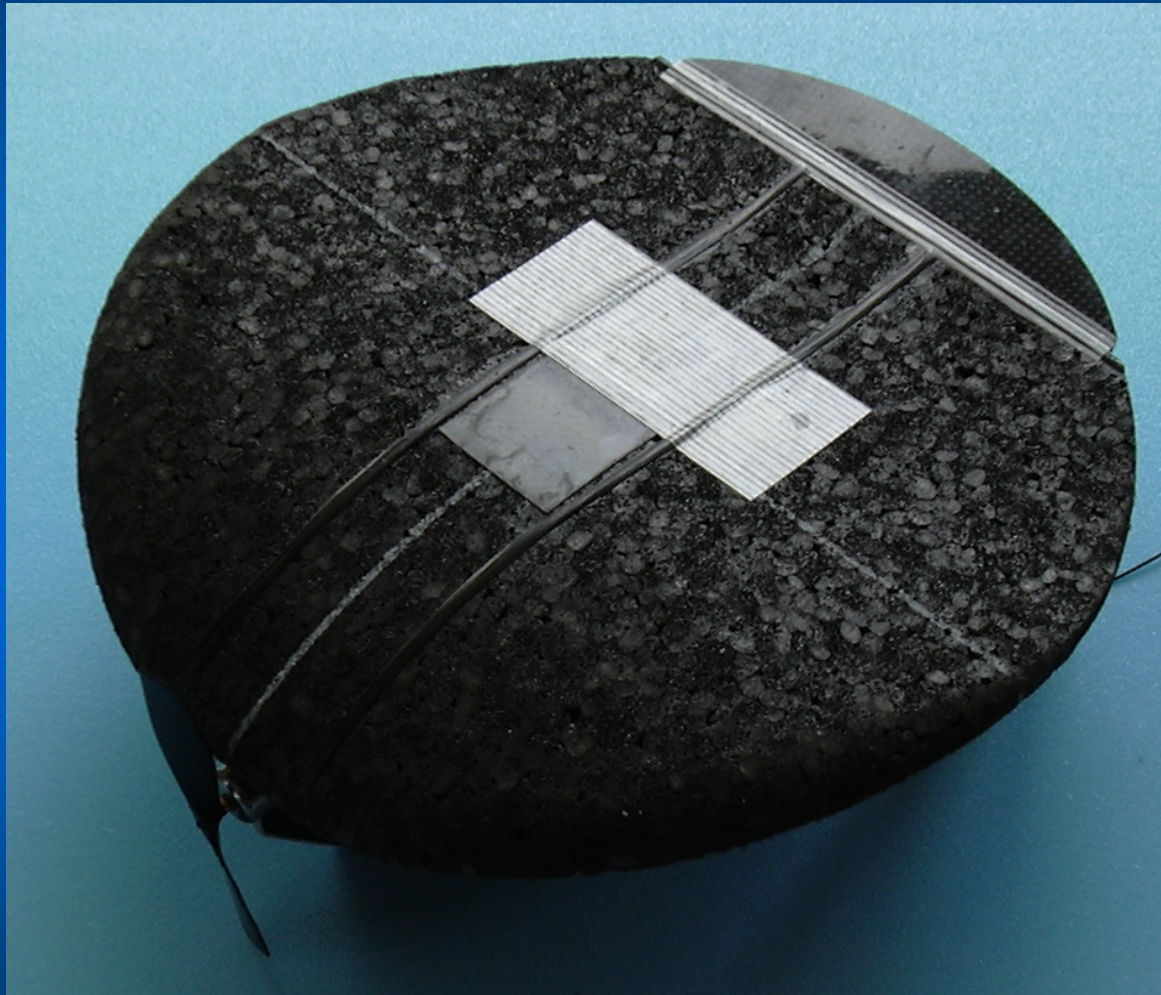


- no optimized feedback gains
- circling during strong thermal activity
- $\Delta H < 2\text{m}$









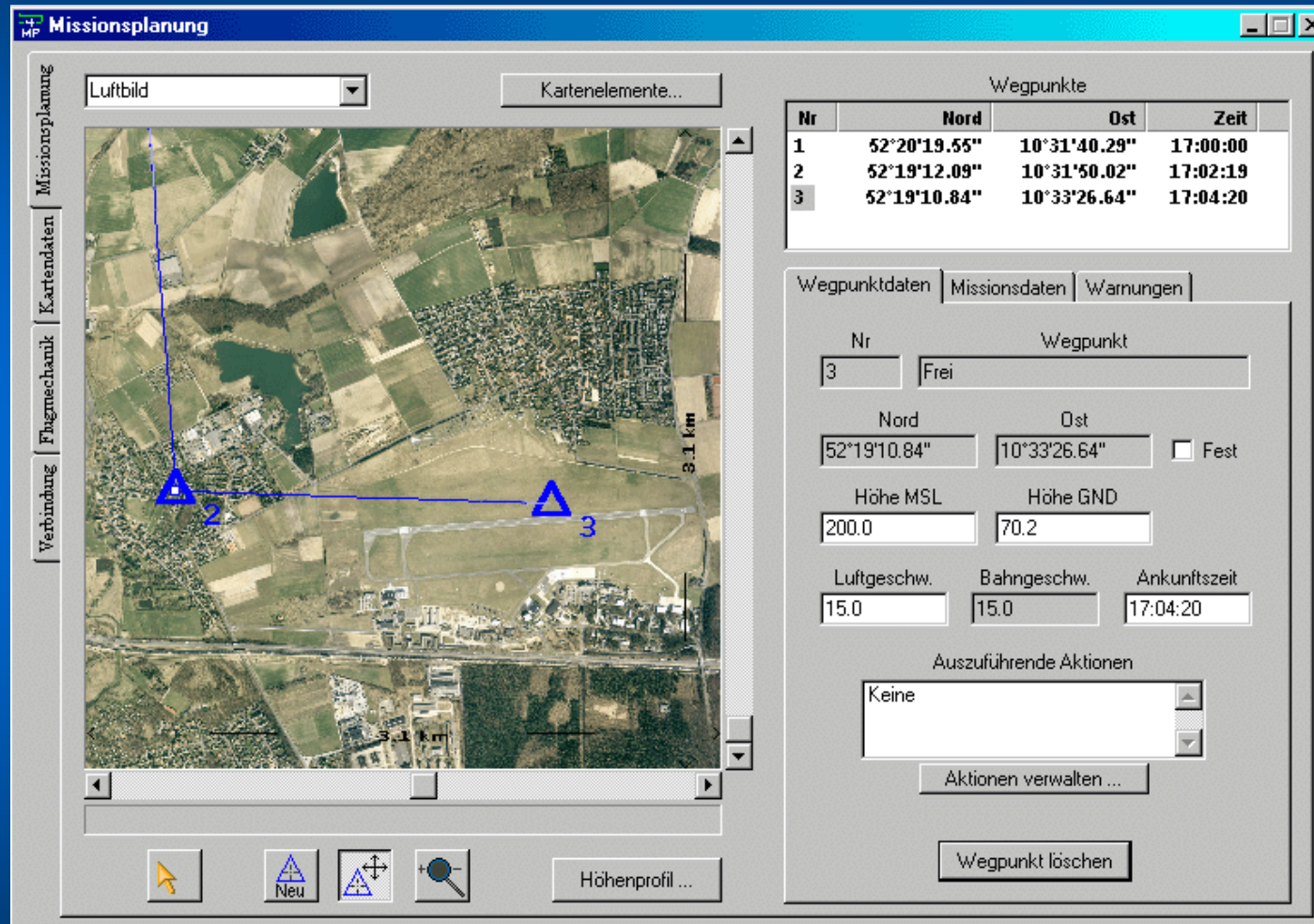
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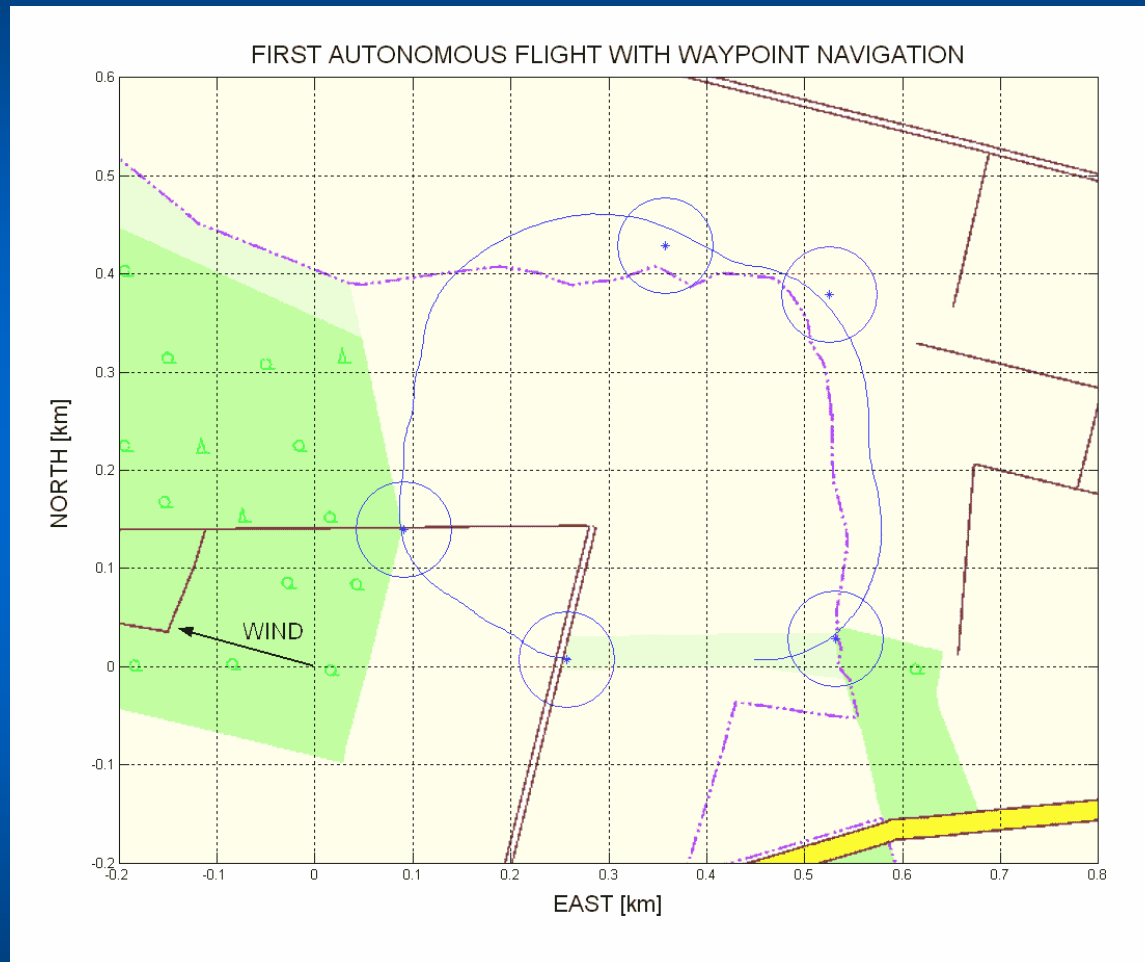






# Autonomous Flight – Waypoint Navigation

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Achieved with  
Carolo XXL and  
Carolo XL



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Carolo's Flug  
vom 20.12.2002



First autonomous  
Waypoint Navigation  
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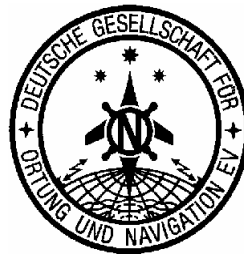


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